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Mayor George's Proclamation

He Surveys the Situation and Makes Several Suggestions.

On assuming the office of mayor of Broken Bow, May 1st, W. A. George delivered the following address outlining his policy:

"In entering upon the official duties imposed upon me as Mayor of the city of Broken Bow I think it not out of place to set forth in brief terms some of the things which I think should characterize the incoming administration.

I feel a deep sense of gratitude to my fellow citizens for the confidence manifested in me by my election and I desire only in the future profit by the experience of the past and thus prove myself worthy of the high honor bestowed upon me. In administering the affairs of the people in a city such as ours those chosen for that purpose are but instruments to ascertain and then carry out the will of the people. This should be done with diligence and fidelity. The faithful

servant merits and receives the approval of the sovereign people and enjoy the satisfaction of mind which comes from the knowledge of a duty well performed in the discharge of their duties.

I am not, in my judgment, overstating the case when I say that at no time in the history of the city has there been a more urgent need of wise and intelligent action on the part of the Mayor and Council, nor a more opportune time for the enactment of prudent ordinances.

We will doubtless be called upon to solve many difficult and perplexing questions of grave interest to the city and while we are not likely to all think alike on all subjects that come up for our consideration, there should be as complete harmony as possible among us, for it is only by mature deliberation and wise consideration that the best things can be done for the welfare of our community.

That the health of our people may be protected as much as possible and that our city at all times may present a neat orderly appearance it should be the duty of every citizen to keep his premises free from accumulations of filth and to carefully remove as fast as possible all manure and rubbish of every kind, and persons who are not inclined to comply with the city ordinances relative to such matters should be made to understand that a rigid enforcement of the same may be expected.

That the water works should be made to earn as much revenue as possible and that as much of the property of the city as possible be provided with protection, it is desirable that the water mains be extended as speedily as possible to those districts not so provided.

IMPROVEMENTS.

I think the Council should take early steps to frame and pass an ordinance having for its object the replacing of board walks in the business portion of the city with walks of stone or cement.

The heavy rains of the past few seasons, I think, has made it apparent to everyone that the water ways under Fourth and Fifth Avenues are insufficient to carry the water and that something must be done to provide a better way to conduct the water under the streets.

That the streets and crossings may be placed in better condition I recommend that a Street Commissioner be appointed, whose chief duty shall be to look after the improvement and superintend the work necessary to be done on the streets and crossings and that a Marshal be appointed whose duty it shall be to patrol the streets at night when there is more danger from disorderly and ill disposed persons and the danger from fire is the greatest.

The public parks are the pride of every citizen of Broken Bow and every effort should be made to preserve and beautify them.

It has long been the desire of many of our citizens to install an electric lighting plant and it should be our duty to proceed without delay to investigate the same and publish our findings to the end that if the citizens desire an election called at an early date to vote bonds for that purpose. That there may be a strict account of all funds belonging to the city, the Street Commissioner or Marshal should be required to make quarterly or semi-annual reports showing all money received by him on account of poll tax paid in cash and all other items paid to him, and that the same be published at the time of the publication of the report of the city treasurer.

That the good name of our fair city may not only be maintained but improved, I pledge myself to strict enforcement of the ordinances relative to things of immoral character and call upon every good citizen to stand by all my efforts in this direction, that we may drive out and keep away everything and every person whose influence is degrading.

Card of Thanks.

We want to thank the many friends and especially the Woodmen, for their kindness and sympathy in the sad hour and death of our dear son.
MR. AND MRS. J. D. MARSHALL.

Items From the National Capitol

Newsy Notes by a Special Correspondent of the Republican.

Washington, April 30.

Senator Millard has publicly advised his colleagues that he is to be a candidate for reelection, and he will return to Nebraska at the expiration of the present session carrying the good wishes of members of the upper house. Senator Millard is serving his first term, which expires in 1907. He is seventy years old.

Senator Burkett acted as escort this week for acting President Fairfield and Professors Cook and Shadd of Howard University, when they visited the White House to invite President Roosevelt to deliver an oration at the commencement exercise of the institution June 1. The President declined the invitation, to make an address, but promised to be present at the exercises for a short time.

Apropos of San Francisco, the Postoffice Department all this week has been receiving a collection of mail matter from the stricken town that is curious in the extreme. Because of the widespread devastation, postage stamps could not be obtained and stationery practically was an unknown quantity. San Franciscans therefore, have been writing to anxious relatives and friends on anything they could make marks upon, and mailing these curious missives without postage. The Postoffice Department has been delivering all such messages, and reassuring notes written on collars, cuffs, shoe box covers and shingles have been delivered. In one instance, a survivor scribbled a note on his handkerchief and dropped it into the mails. It was delivered to his mother in Virginia.

If you can contribute to the Department of Agriculture a rat, mouse, dog or rabbit fatally ill of a contagious disease you may confer on the country a benefit worth millions of dollars. The Department is seeking for some means of ridding certain parts of the country of "varmints" that are doing enormous damage but that defy ordinary means of extermination. In one county, in the state of Washington, field mice practically have ruined all crops, while in Wyoming, wolves are raiding the cattlemen's herds with ever increasing boldness and traps are of no avail against them. Throughout the entire country field mice, field rats, ground squirrels, gophers and such small pests are costing the country millions of dollars annually. Some form of epidemic seems the only way to get rid of them.

It has been some years since the locust wrought ruin to the harvests of Nebraska and despair to the hearts of the Nebraska farmer, but there is danger ahead, according to the Department of Agriculture. Experts believe that the spring of 1906 will see a great army of the pests sweeping the fields of the country, and although these experts believe the swarms will not extend beyond Illinois no man yet has been able positively to forecast the limits of their flight. The brood has been breeding in spots from Cape Cod to Northern Georgia and as far west as Ill. and although the Department experts have traced the origin of the brood back as far as 1633 and have reduced their periodic flights almost to an exact knowledge, they cannot tell in which direction it will take its flight. The brood in question is the seventeen-year variety, and they may be looked for the last week in May or the beginning of June. It might be as well for the farmers of Nebraska to be prepared for a visitation, although the insects may not head in that direction.

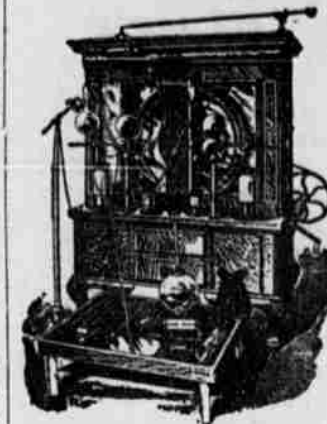
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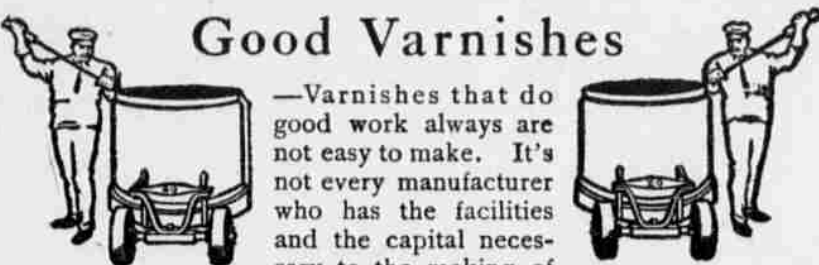
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